



PICNIC

Sunday, August 17
noon until dusk
The Greene Grove
Washington's Crossing
State Park

Summer is here--it's time for all family and friends to gather together at the Second Annual La Vigna Family Picnic. We have reserved the Greene Grove, where we had the picnic last year.

For our eating pleasure, La Vigna suggests that each family unit bring the following:

- 1) covered dish or dessert for 10-12 to share with everyone
- 2) eating utensils (plates, etc.) for yourselves
- 3) beverage for yourselves (non-alcoholic due to park rules)
- 4) if you would like to grill meat (grills are available), bring enough for your family.

You may bring game equipment if you like--there is lots of open space for playing. There will also be a 50-50 to raise money for La Vigna.

As you remember, our picnic last year was blessed with rain almost continually throughout the day. We dragged extra picnic tables under the covered pavilion and all huddled together to eat, sing and make merry. Although the rain created a sort of intimacy, it does seem nonetheless advisable to have a nice sunny day this year. We sang "O Sole Mio" during the picnic last year as an invitation for the sun to join us--it did come out for about half an hour. If we all start singing it a month ahead of time, we can expect to have the sun the entire day! Here goes: "Che bella cosa 'na iurnata'e sole, N'aria serena doppo 'na tempesta! Pe'll'aria fresca pare già 'na festa, Che bella cosa 'na iurnata'e sole! Ma n'atu sole cchiù bello, ohine', 'o sole mio sta 'nfronte a te! 'O sole'o sole mio sta 'nfronte'a te, sta 'nfronte'a te!"

How to get to the picnic: for guidance consult the map on **page 4**. The park charges \$1 per car for admission. Follow the signs from the main entrance of the park to the Greene Grove. See you there!

For more information call Lorraine Anthony 586-1259.

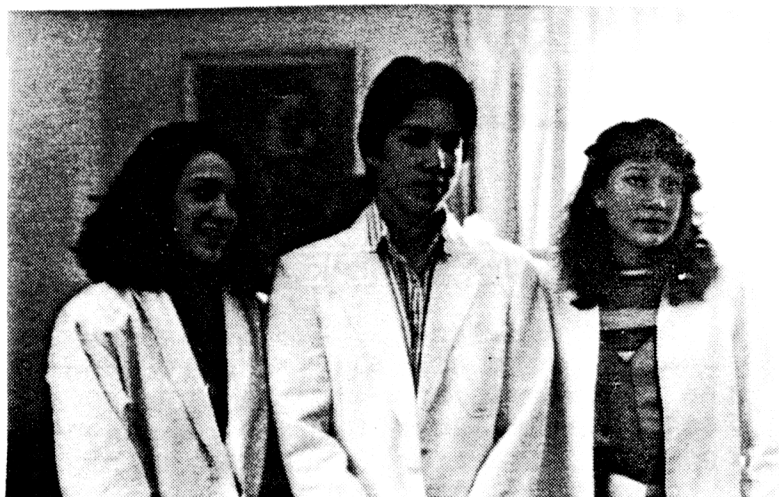
WE'RE SHORT THIS SUMMER

No, you're not missing pages of your La Vigna. This issue is short; we were short on people-time to get it together.

We'll exchange news at the La Vigna picnic.

LORETTA IS HERE!

Chris and Elaine Chianese are the happy parents of Loretta Elaine, born April 20, 1986, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Welcome to the family!



Graduates Angela Gervasio, William Bilancio and Beatrice Johnson were together at a family dinner at Eastertime.

GRADUATION TIME

A special Congratulations to the following members of our family who are graduating from high school this Spring. We wish them much success and happiness in the future.

ANGELA GERVASIO
daughter of Lucy
WILLIAM BILANCIO
son of Terry & Willie
BEATRICE JOHNSON
daughter of Beatrice & Ray
ROBERT CANDELORI
son of Erma and Bob
ROBBIE CHIANESE
son of Robert & Susan

An additional congratulations is in order for JANE DARPINIAN, (daughter of Dorothy & Leo Bilancio) who is graduating from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia. Best wishes, Jane!

FAMILY MAXIMS

"E meglio cento misure e un' u' spiezza."

"It's better to measure a hundred times and cut once."

A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

We are sad to report on April 27 we lost another loved one - Gennaro Studioso - at the age of 49.

Gennaro was the husband of Suzanne Franco, son-in-law of Ada (Bilancio) Rubino, and grandson-in-law of Alphonse Bilancio and Mary Westenberg. He resided with his family at 112 Harden Drive, Shelby, North Carolina. He left three sons - Richard, 23; Patrick, 22 and Jonathan, 14.

Gennaro was an asset to his community and to his place of work. In an executive position he excelled both in business and in managerial ability. He was an attentive and loving family man.

PASSAGE THEATRE COMPANY DOES
AMERICAN SHORTS

Francis Bilancio, who with other theatre professionals recently founded the Passage Theatre Company, is Associate Producer for the company's opening production, AMERICAN SHORTS.

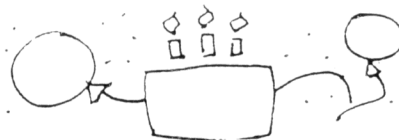
An evening of five short plays by American playwrights, AMERICAN SHORTS introduces five unique characters, five ordinary people living heroic lives. These plays were commissioned by The Passage Theatre Company and include William Mastrosimone's ACRES OF HEROES.

Family members have rallied around the project. Angelo Chianese, Mickey Chianese, Ralph Gervasio and Lew Bilancio have helped to sell tickets; Mary Lynn and Dan Nazzaro of Quakerbridge Office Supplies purchased an ad in the program (as did Lew Bilancio and Bernice Smaller for Jonathan's Travel); Frank Bilancio of Bilancio Liquors donated champagne for the gala benefit reception; Dean Acquaviva did the sound design for the show.

The world premiere of AMERICAN SHORTS will be at the Mill Hill Playhouse, Front and Montgomery Streets in Trenton through July 12. For tickets and information, call Fran or Angelica at 392-0982 or 392-0766.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Mary Armenti
Frank & Elaine Soda
Mary Lynn & Dan Nazzaro, who have offered to pay each issue for veloxes of our photographs, which will give us the best quality possible for the photocopying of LaVigna.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jul.	7	Carey Bilancio
	13	Tony Chianese
	16	Ray Klepczynski
	17	Jaime MacLeod
	19	William Bilancio
	22	John Johnson
	24	Diane Chianese
	25	Lorraine Anthony
	28	Kristeena Anthony
	29	Mary Lynn Nazzaro
	31	Dan Nazzaro
		Frances DeVito Cohen

Aug.	2	Alphonse Bilancio
	4	Jason Armenti
	5	Bob Candelori
	8	Phyllis Armenti
	9	Joe "Bear" Guerra
	10	Cheri Candelori
	11	Clora
		Joe Guerra
	12	Joe Armenti
	19	Jane (Bilancio) Darpinian
	21	Henry Montague
	22	Lucy Gervasio
	23	Damon Klepczynski
	26	Sylvia Bilancio
	29	Bob Immordino

Sep.	1	Terry Bilancio
		Bobby Candelori
	2	Paul Slaninka
	3	Nick Armenti
	5	John Anthony
	14	Bob Chianese (Leo's son)
	22	Cristina Candelori
	24	Lee Esposito
		Grace Mazzatelli
	26	Dennis Chianese
	29	Clelia (Bilancio) Schultz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jul.	31	Gary & Rose Chianese
Aug.	1	Jane & David Vaun Darpinian
	16	Terri & Ray Klepczynski
	17	Susan & Paul Slaninka
	19	Ivan & Carey Bilancio
Sep.	9	Erma & Bob Candelori
	30	Sue & Frank Garzio

STAFF THIS ISSUE

Corinne Bilancio
Lewis Bilancio
Lucy Gervasio
Lorraine Anthony
Angelica Roberts
Francis Bilancio
Clothilda & Dean Acquaviva
Jennie & Bob Immordino
Angelo Chianese
Lilia Chianese
Beatrice Johnson

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land,
Here at our sea-washed, sunset-gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome, her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin-cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she,
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

(This sonnet, written by Emma Lazarus, was first introduced in 1883 at a fund-raising event for the Statue of Liberty. It was not, however, inscribed at the site of the Statue itself until 1903, 16 years after the death of Emma Lazarus at the young age of 38.)

I see my grandfather Nicola in my mind,
a man of earthy stamina and of high ideals.

My grandmother Carolina,
I've never known the happiness of meeting her,
but I've seen her kindness clearly in the eyes of
my father and his sisters and brother.

The journey was hard, this I've heard,
but the details,
what day of the week, did the sun shine at least
a little?, what pain, excitement, hopes and
fears beat in their hearts,
I can only imagine.

I do not know from what precise angle
Carolina and Nicola first saw Liberty,
what mist obscured her gaze or what ray of sun
kindled her torch.
What words would they have spoken in the face of
this New World colossus who is at once
matriarch and declaration?

The view that met their eyes I cannot see,
but their message comes in clear whisperings to me.
These truths with quiet strength have come
to be inscribed in stone.

At last I have inherited my true legacy:
To know that freedom is, more than opportunity,
a conviction.

To know that the answer is to question.
And to know to love, without question.

Colin Bilancio
July 4, 1986



ARCHIE BILANCIO AND RAE SANTOPIETRO WED

On April 25, Mario Archimedes Bilancio and Rae Santopietro were married in a candlelight ceremony at St. Anthony's Church in Trenton.

Archie, son of Antimo Bilancio and Ann Schwarzwald, did the floral arrangements which adorned the church and the hall at Giovi's where the reception took place. Archie said all preparations went well until the last moment when in traditional nervous bridegroom fashion, he forgot to make his own boutonniere, and forgot to bring the rings to the church. But all's well that ends well. Though Rae received a surprise when one of the rings borrowed from the best man and his wife did not fit Archie, the true rings were brought to the church before the couple left, and Archie, former florist, dashed home before the reception to add his own flower to the evening's celebration.

Archie and Rae, who is from Wolcott, Connecticut, are residing in Bordentown after their honeymoon in Hawaii.



ROBERT IMMORDINO HONORED BY LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

Bob Immordino recently received a plaque from Lawrence Township which was "presented to Robert B. Immordino in appreciation for his tireless efforts, dedication, and service as Lawrence Township's first historian--July 15, 1981-December 31, 1985."

Bob Immordino's contributions to the preservation of Lawrence's history have spanned many years. He started, then coordinated the Colonel Hand March to Trenton for most of its 24 years. (One year he and Pat De Angelo made the January march alone, to preserve the continuity of the tradition.) He was instrumental in having the Delaware and Raritan Canal recognized as an historic site, and was chairman of the Captain Lawrence Birthday Bi-Centennial Celebration in 1981.

He gave historical tours of Lawrence Township to new managers, new superintendents of schools, and to news reporters assigned to cover the township; he himself wrote many articles for the Lawrence Ledger.

An ordinance creating the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee was written by Bob Immordino with William Agress and the late Louis Bilancio.

Many exhibits of Lawrence Township memorabilia displayed at the Mercer County Library and the Municipal Building have also been coordinated by him.

Twenty-five years ago there was very little interest in Lawrence Township history. Today that has changed, and we can thank Bob Immordino, who, with the help of others, has done so much to create an atmosphere of renewed interest in our past.



La Cucina



BEA JOHNSON'S CHERRY PIE

Mix 3-4 cups pitted cherries (after letting the juice drain out through a colander) with 1 cup sugar, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 2 tablespoon of thickener. (Bea uses flour and bread crumbs--cornstarch or quick tapioca can also be used.) Pour into crust (Bea uses about 1/3 whole wheat flour for her crust), dot with 2 tablespoons butter, cover with lattice.

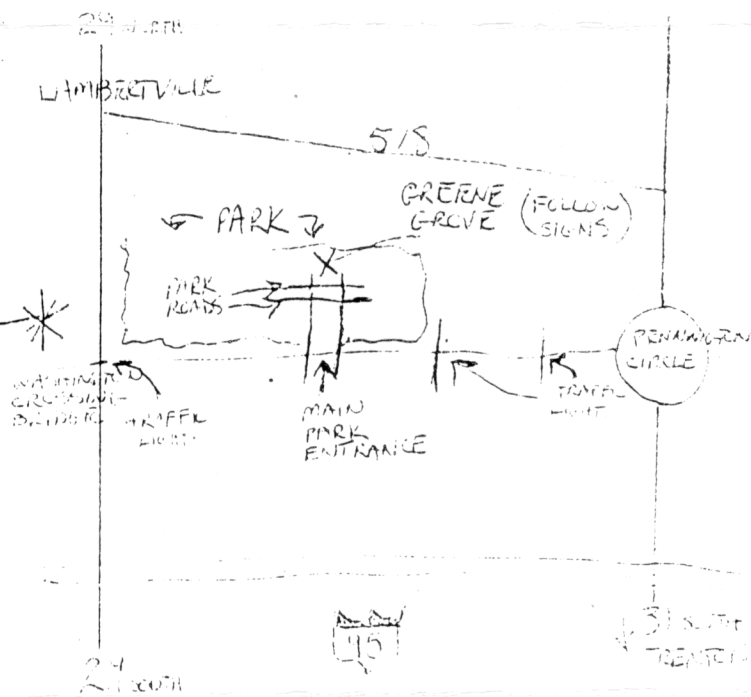
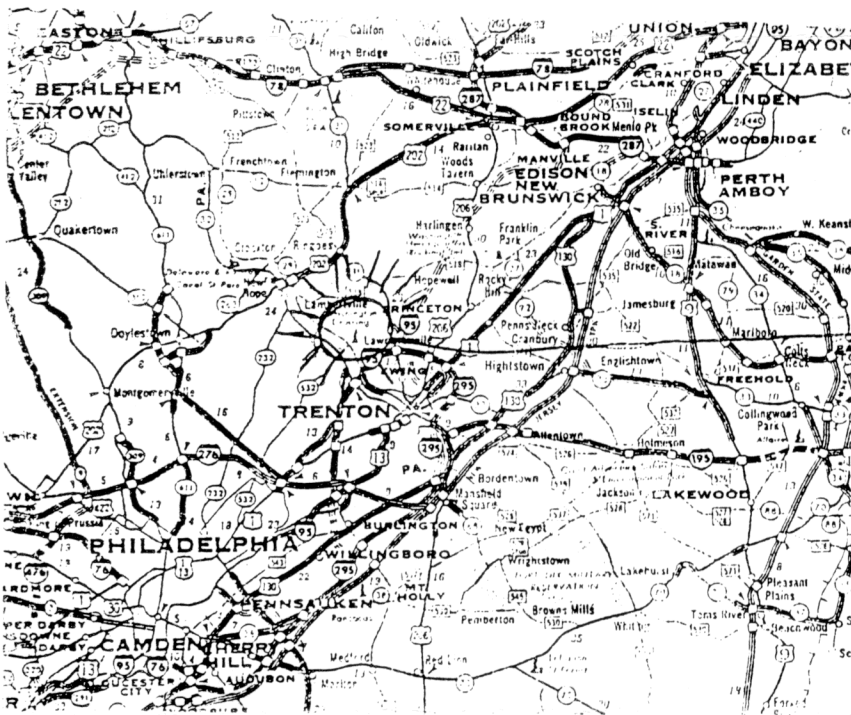
Bake at 400° for 35 minutes.

The next La Vigna meeting will be held Sunday, September 7, 1986, at 2:00 p.m. at 90 Eggerts Road, Lawrenceville (882 2448). All are welcome!

Deadline for the fall '86 issue of La Vigna is September 14. Send your articles, photos, drawings, cartoon ideas, recipes and family maxims to:

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